

REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 14-18, 20-22, 26, 27, 29, and 30 herein and cancel claims 1, 3, 8-13, 23-25, and 31 herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2, 4-7, 14-22, and 26-30 will be pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of the subject matter of claims 4, 5, 17-19, and 26-28. Applicants have amended each of claims 4, 17, 18, and 26 to incorporate each of the features of the base claim and any intervening claim. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued with respect to claims 2, 4-7, 14-22, and 26-30.

CONCLUSION

It is felt that a full and complete response has been made to the Office action and, as such, places the application in condition for allowance. Such allowance is hereby respectfully requested. Although the prior art made of record and not relied upon may be considered pertinent to the disclosure, none of these references anticipates or makes obvious the recited invention. If the Examiner feels, for any reason, that a personal interview will expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Applicants wish to expedite prosecution of this application. If the Examiner deems the claims as amended to not be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss making an Examiner's amendment to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants do not believe that a fee is due in connection with this response. If, however, the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, he is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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